

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S61–S125

Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2010–2015, and S. Res. 285–288. **Page S108**

Measures Passed:

50th Anniversary of Rock 'n' Roll: Senate agreed to S. Res. 285, recognizing 2004 as the “50th Anniversary of Rock 'n' Roll”. **Pages S61–62**

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 286, to authorize legal representation in *United States of America v. Parvis Karim-Panahi*. **Page S122**

Commending the Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge Jaguars: Senate agreed to S. Res. 287, commending the Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge Jaguars for being the Sheridan Broadcasting National Black College Champions, the American Sports Wire National Black College Champions, and the MBC/BCSP National Black College Champions. **Pages S122–23**

Commending the Louisiana State University Tigers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2003 Bowl Championship Series national championship game. **Page S123**

Recognizing and Congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 273, recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S123**

Agriculture Appropriations Act (Omnibus Appropriations)—Conference Report: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Pages S66–S104**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 22, 2004 and that there then be 4½ hours equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee or their designees for debate only; that following the use or yielding back of that debate time, the motion to proceed and the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote be agreed to; and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture and that if cloture is invoked, the Senate then immediately proceed to a vote on the adoption of the conference report. **Page S104**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following protocol:

Additional Protocol Amending Investment Treaty with Bulgaria (Treaty Doc. No. 108–15).

The protocol was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S123–24**

Appointments:

Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: The Chair announced the following appointment made on January 6, 2004, during the sine die adjournment:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 108–136, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: Mike O'Callaghan of Nevada and Rick Surratt of Virginia. **Page S61**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Claudia Puig, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2008.

Gay Hart Gaines, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004.

Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008.

Fayza Veronique Boulad Rodman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006.

Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009.

Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security (New Position), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Cynthia Boich, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2007.

Dorothy A. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2007 (Reappointment), to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Henry Lozano, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

Gerard Schwarz, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for the remainder of the term expiring September 3, 2006.

Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008.

Robert Lerner, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2009.

Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Mark C. Brickell, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development for a term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on June 12, 2003.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 22, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S124.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing on North Korean Nuclear Developments, after receiving testimony from Siegfried Hecker, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3712–3726; 1 private bill, H.R. 3727; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86 and H. Res. 496–500, were introduced. **Pages H88–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H89–90**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H39**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools: H. Res. 492, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 2; **Pages H40–44, H58**

Sense of the House regarding the benefits of mentoring: H. Res. 491, honoring individuals who are mentors and supporting efforts to recruit more mentors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 3; **Pages H44–48, H58–59**

Recognizing the achievements related to the Mars Exploration Rover Mission: H. Res. 490, recognizing and commending the achievements of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Cornell University in conducting the Mars Exploration Rover mission, and recognizing the importance of space exploration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 389 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 4; and **Pages H48–52, H59–60**

Agreeing with the Senate on S. Res. 281: H. Res. 489, stating the agreement of the House of Representatives with the sentiment expressed by the Senate in Senate Resolution 281, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 5. **Pages H52–57, H60**

Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from Representative Gonzalez wherein he announced his resignation from the Committees on Financial Services and Small Business, and the Select Committee on Homeland Security, effective January 20, 2004. **Page H61**

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 495, electing Representative Gonzalez to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H61**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2004, and further that when it adjourn

on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27 for morning hour debate. **Page H62**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 28, 2004. **Page H62**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, January 27, 2004. **Page H62**

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Mr. Robert Shireman of Oakland, California to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. **Page H87**

Message from the Clerk: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he notified the House that he received a message from the Senate on Tuesday, January 20, 2004. **Pages H57–58**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H58, H58–59, H59–60, and H60. There were no recorded votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S BSE RESPONSE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA's Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Response. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

RESERVE COMPONENT HEALTHCARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on Reserve Component Healthcare: Medical Holdovers in Current and Future Deployments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Sgt. Craig Allen LaChance, USA, Medical Holdover Company; and Col. John M. Kidd, USA, Garrison Commander, Third Infantry Division (Mechanized), both at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Col. Keith Armstrong, USA, Garrison Commander, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA, Surgeon General; Daniel Denning, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge, USA, Commanding General, First Army; the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Vice. Adm. Michael L. Cowan, USN,

Surgeon General; and Rear Adm. John M. Stewart, Jr., USN, Deputy Commander, Navy Personnel Command; and public witnesses.

REPORT—SPECIAL EXAMINATION OF FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the OFHEO's report of the Special Examination of Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Armando Falcon, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Human Development; and Martin F. Baumann, Chief Financial Officer, Freddie Mac.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003; H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003; H.R. 3261, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act; and H.R. 2391, Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act of 2003.

CAN U.S. COMPANIES COMPETE GLOBALLY USING AMERICAN WORKERS?

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Can U.S. Companies Compete Globally Using American

Workers? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine avoiding conflicts of interest at the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing regarding ongoing military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, including other areas of interest, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Ricardo S. Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Gene E. K. Pratter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Neil Vincent Wake, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, January 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Agriculture Appropriations Act (Omnibus Appropriations) and that there then be 4½ hours equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee or their designees for debate only; that following the use or yielding back of that debate time, the motion to proceed and the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote be agreed to; and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture and that if cloture is invoked, the Senate then immediately proceed to a vote on the adoption of the conference report.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet at 10 a.m. in pro forma session.

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